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## NOTE ON A NESTING SUNFISH

During the last few days of May, 1914, the writer observed over twenty "nests" of the common sunfish (*E. gibbosus*) along the shore of Umpawaug Pond, Topstone, Conn.

An examination of a few of these did not disclose any eggs, although many of them were guarded by the spunky little males.

These nests could readily be seen through the clear water as saucer-like depressions from which the mud and debris had been cleared, exposing the pebbles and sand.

On one of these nest guardians the writer tried an experiment. Dropping a water-logged piece of heavy fishline into the centre of the nest he awaited results. The sunfish eyed it suspiciously, nibbled at it and then bore it off two feet from the edge of the nest. This experiment was repeated with various objects with the same result. Finally a half a dozen were thrown in at once, to the consternation of the sunfish, who retreated. Two days later the writer observed the same nest with the objects in place, but along side of it a brand new nest with the little sunfish on guard.

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